PRIVACY ACT/PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE

We are authorized to collect the information on this form under sections 221, 223(d)(4), 1612(b)(4) and 1614(a)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act. We need the information to make a decision on your employee or former employee's claim. Giving us the information on this form is voluntary. However, if you do not give us part or all of the information, this person may lose benefits.

We give out the facts on this form without your consent only in certain situations that are explained in the Federal Register. For example, we must give out this information if Federal law requires us to, if your Congressman or Senator needs the information to answer questions you ask them, or if the Justice Department needs it to investigate and prosecute violations of the Social Security Act.

We may also use the information you give us when we match records by computer. Matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Many agencies may use matching programs to find or prove that a person qualifies for benefits paid by the Federal government. The law allows us to do this even if you do not agree to it.

These and other reasons why information about you may be used or given out are explained in the Federal Register. If you want to learn more about this, contact any Social Security office.

The information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C> § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the <u>Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995</u>. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budge control number.

Time It Takes To Complete This Form

We estimate that it will take you about 15 minutes to complete this form. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form. If you have comments or suggestions on this estimate, write to the Social Security Administration, 1338 Annex Building, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. ATTN: Reports Clearance Officer. Only comments relating to our time estimate should be provided, not the completed form.